

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging that medical practitioners licensed by the state educate members of their profession to be aware of impairments that may affect driving proficiency and that may be detected in medical examinations. This resolution was approved by the Public Safety Matters Evaluation Committee.

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Whereas, The longevity of the citizens of Indiana is increasing, and there has been growth in the population and the numbers of motor vehicles registered in the state;

Whereas, A greater number of vehicles on the road may mean a proportionally increased number of drivers who are impaired;

Whereas, A greater number of impaired drivers may mean a rise in the number of motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas, Medical practitioners licensed by the state, including physicians, nurses, occupational and recreational therapists, mental health practitioners, pharmacists, and ophthalmologists and optometrists, may be in a position to detect impairments to driving in their patients and clients at a point before actual harm; and

Whereas, These medical practitioners may be able to counsel their patients and clients on the risks of driving while impaired: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:



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SECTION 1. That medical practitioners licensed by the state be encouraged to educate members of their profession to be aware of various impairments that may affect patients' and clients' driving proficiency that may be detected by the medical professionals in examinations and interactions with patients and clients.

SECTION 2. That medical practitioners licensed by the state be encouraged to alert and counsel patients and clients who may be impaired in driving proficiency to seek further treatment for the impairment or to seek an evaluation of driving skills.



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